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FRIEND OF FASCISTS CALLS FOR "RELIGIOUS REVIVAL"

Lambert Fairchild's Ties to Deatherage, Moseley and Coughlin
-- Foe of Democracy Masquerades As "Pious Patriot"

On the evening of May 9, 1940, speaking on a free coast-to-coast hook-up of the Columbia radio network, Lambert Fairchild of New York appealed for increased church support throughout the nation. He spoke in his official capacity as one of the leaders of the National Committee for Religious Recovery. According to some statements he is chairman of the Committee, according to others, he is its secretary-treasurer. His subject was first announced as "Business and Religion," but in its final form was entitled "Can Corporations Be Religious?" Fairchild declared that business could not get along without religion, also that his Committee had a program calculated "to stimulate religious recovery for all," including the millions of women and children of America. Among the sponsors of his Committee he named such prominent men as Colonel Frank Knox, the Republican newspaper publisher of Chicago, and Senator James M. Mead, Democrat of New York.

Fairchild's Record

It is doubtful, however, whether these and other public men on Lambert Fairchild's Committee know certain unsavory affiliations of the busy gentleman. They may know that Fairchild traces his ancestry to John Alden, the Pilgrim, and that Fairchild at one time was a Republican alderman in New York City. They may know such facts because Fairchild likes to boast about them. But they may not know the following facts about Fairchild, which he tries to keep from general knowledge:

On December 7, 1936, Fairchild wrote a letter to Social Justice in praise of Father Coughlin.

In the late autumn of 1938 he issued a proclamation, opening with the words, "Onward Christian Soldiers! On to Cincinnati, the First National Christian Convention!!! November 11th, 12th and 13th," and signed, "Lambert Fairchild, Governing Board, Committee for the Preservation of America." At that convention Fairchild tried to consolidate the fascist forces of this country, rallying them around the

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unofficial leadership of George Deatherage (for a detailed report on Deatherage see The Hour for June 1, 1940).

On December 15, 1938, Fairchild attended a testimonial rally staged at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, in honor of Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, the "man on a white horse" who was hailed by the fascists and nazis in this country and abroad as the future Fuehrer of America.

On February 27, 1939, he attended a meeting arranged by Allan Zoll, a notorious Coughlinite known to have made at least one trip of mysterious significance to Nazi Germany. (Early in July, 1939, Zoll was arrested in New York on the charge of attempting to extort \$7,500 from the head of the radio station WMCA.)

Fairchild was also one of the several speakers at a meeting of the American Parents' Committee of Education, which is sponsored by Merwin K. Hart's ultra-reactionary New York State Economic Council. Fairchild denounced as "renegade Jews" and "renegade Christians" the majority of the Board of Higher Education who favored the appointment of Professor Bertrand Russell to a teaching post at New York City College.

On May 20, 1940, Newsweek reported Fairchild's custom of drawing labor strike pickets into arguments and then getting them arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

At the present time Lambert Fairchild is vice-president of the National Americanization League of New York. The president of this organization is Major John T. Prout, Sr., father of one of the Christian Fronters now on trial in Brooklyn on charges of conspiring to overthrow the government of the United States.

Such is the man who masquerades as a patriot and a religious revivalist.

The Hour presents these facts in the hope that persons in public life, when approached by Lambert Fairchild for sponsorship of his newest committee or committees, will know how to deal with such requests.

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BROWN OF OREGON DEFEATED DESPITE PELLEY'S PRAISE

Defeat climaxed the efforts of Kenneth A. Brown to win the Republican nomination for the U. S. House of Representatives from the State of Oregon on a pro-fascist and anti-Semitic platform (see The Hour for May 25). Despite the many pages of political advertisement, blaming the Jews for all the ills of the Northwestern farmers, and praising the young reactionary Brown, only some 3300 voters supported him at the polls.

In Portland, Oregon, where the contest took place, no newspaper came out for Brown and his brownshirt program, but in New York the Nazi

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Bund's Weckruf and in North Carolina the Silvershirts' Liberation raved and raged about the "injustices" suffered by Brown in the campaign.

Pelley's paper for May 7 devoted a special article entitled, "Young American In Oregon Runs For Congress On Jewish Question," lauding the candidate as "this upstanding, militant young American ... endowed with those fine qualities of leadership which will make him a man to be reckoned with in those dynamic days of tomorrow when Americans come to grips with their despoilers in the greatest crisis in the Nation's experience." The same article describes Brown as "unmarried, a college graduate, scion of one of Oregon's oldest and most respected families," who "for ten years has operated a large scale farming enterprise." We may add that a further and more inclusive description of Brown's type may be found in John Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath, in the pages where the great novelist speaks of those landowners and other "Associated Farmers" of the West who are responsible for the plight of the Joads.

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PRO-NAZI AUHAGEN CLAIMS "LOYALTY" TO U. S.

Despite His Well-Known Ties with German Consuls, Suave Doctor Masquerades as "Loyal" American -- Fools Some of New York Newspapers -- His Co-Speaker Warnecke and Bund Background

Under the heading, "German-Americans Asked to be Loyal," the New York Times for May 31 reported the Memorial Day exercises held by the United German Societies on May 30 at the statue of Carl Schurz in New York's Morningside Park. The main speaker of the occasion was Dr. Friedrich E. Auhagen, whom the newspaper report identified as former head of the German Department at Seth Low Junior College, Columbia University. He was quoted to appeal to German-Americans present at the ceremony not to "be misled by false slogans and allow themselves to be regarded as not a wholly loyal group." The concluding paragraph of the news-item read: "Willy Warnecke, president of the United German Societies, protested against undeserved criticism directed against German-Americans who were doing all they could to make this country free and great, he said."

Auhagen Should Have Been Investigated

It is a matter of regret that the New York Times took it for granted that Auhagen and Warnecke indeed represented German-Americans and were sincere in their appeals to listeners to be loyal to this country. Had the newspaper investigated the background of Auhagen, it would have found out that Auhagen is national director of a distinctly pro-Nazi organization known as the American Fellowship Forum, with headquarters in New York, and active branches in Newark, Philadelphia, Springfield, Mass., Cleveland, and Chicago. Auhagen is also editor of the Forum's official publication, Today's Challenge, where he is assisted by George Sylvester Viereck, the notorious propagandist in favor of Wilhelm II and Hitler.

Nazi Consul's Letter to Auhagen

That Auhagen is in close touch with Nazi German consular officials in this country, and is therefore far from loyal to the United

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States, has been proven by a letter addressed to Auhagen by Dr. Herbert Scholz, German Consul in Boston. Various anti-Nazi organizations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles are in possession of photostats of the letter. Written on the Consulate's official stationery and under the Consul's own signature, the letter expresses thanks to Auhagen for a letter he had addressed to the Consul, praises Auhagen's work, and concludes: "I shall not neglect to telephone you the next time I am in New York so that we may discuss various problems."

Who is Warnecke?

As for the other speaker, reported to be "Willy Warnecke, president of the United German Societies," and presuming to speak on behalf of "German-Americans, who were doing all they could to make this country free and great," The Hour wonders if he isn't William Wernecke, a Nazi Bundster of Chicago, who on December 12 spoke at a meeting called to collect money for the defense of the five Silvershirts-Bundsters tried for smashing windows in the Midwestern metropolis. On December 23 we reported:

"Dr." Herman Maerz, the leader of the Shirts-Coughlinites who heads the list of the defendants, is known for his open connections with the Nazi Bund. Bail for him was provided by Nazi Wernecke who later, when the bail was raised to a higher figure, became so angry that he hit a policeman, creating a turmoil in the jury room, and thus causing his own arrest and conviction. Wernecke on more than one occasion boasted of his trips to Detroit to confer with Father Coughlin personally.

We invite "Willy Warnecke, president of the United German Societies," to come out either with a confirmation or a denial that he is indeed William Wernecke, the violent Bundster of Chicago.

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ALMAZAN PROPAGANDA IN U. S. PREPARES FOR UPRISE

The Hour learns of an extensive campaign taking place in the United States to secure favorable publicity for General Almazan, Mexico's fascist chieftain. The campaign is directed from Almazan headquarters in Mexico and from the main offices of certain large American financial interests; the latter footing the bills. Newspapers, magazines and radio are being approached with material extolling the General. Despite Almazan's Nazi and other fascist affiliations being common knowledge, the propaganda pictures him as an outstanding democrat having the "popular support" of the Mexican people. This propaganda is so obvious that several agencies approached have turned down the material at first glance. As The Hour disclosed several months ago, Almazan is plotting an uprising in Mexico to overthrow the present, popularly elected government and set up a fascist-militaristic dictatorship headed by himself. In such a venture, he feels, American sympathy will hold considerable strategic value. This accounts for the strenuous effort being made to convince the American people that General Almazan is such a fine democratic fellow.